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COMMENT OF THE DAY

First Things First

IF it was Mr. Molotov's intention to spread early disillusionment over the outcome of the four power talks in Berlin he has certainly gone the right way about achieving it. There was neither conciliation nor the spirit of compromise to be found associated with his opening speech at the conference. He ignored completely Mr. Eden's offer on behalf of the Western Powers to guarantee Soviet security, and instead launched in a dreary repetition of demanding application of the Potsdam and Yalta agreements which, he knows full well, circumstances have now rendered impracticable and inapplicable to the problems of the day. That Mr. Molotov's proposed three-point agenda places consideration of a Five Power conference, the German question and an Austrian peace treaty in that order need occasion no surprise; it was expected. What is disappointing and frustrating is Mr. Molotov's attitude of intractability and the manner in which he is already injecting propaganda into the discussions. Public opinion in the Western world has rightly insisted that every endeavour should be made to persuade Russia to a conference. Great patience has been shown—and also much swallowing of diplomatic discourtesies which, carried to the very preliminaries of the talks, appeared to be tactical losses to the Big Three. Yet it was felt those would not matter if Russia displayed some sweet reasonableness at the discussions, accompanied by an early show of good intentions. Unfortunately, nothing that Mr. Molotov said yesterday helped in any way to justify those hopes.

THAT the conference has got off to a disappointing start is wholly the fault of Mr. Molotov. Both Mr. Eden and Mr. Bidault expressed themselves in tones of moderation and jointly held out an olive branch to the Russian representative which he brusquely rejected. Nevertheless, it would be wrong to assume that the talks are destined to break down before they have a chance of really getting under way. Mr. Molotov's proposed agenda is not in itself wholly unacceptable; only the order of the subjects. The Big Three have never rejected the suggestion of a five power conference (including Communist China) being at some time in the future convened, but they do insist that the current Big Four talks shall first deal with the German problem and the Austrian peace treaty, and if Mr. Molotov is prepared to revise the order of his proposed agenda, it will be possible for the four foreign ministers to settle down to earnest business at the Berlin conference. It will be the task of Mr. Dulles today to try and persuade Mr. Molotov to adopt a realistic appreciation of the prime designs of the conference. There is plenty of room for sensible compromise on both sides. There must also be patience. The issues are of paramount importance to the whole of Europe and any progress towards their solution will have a beneficial effect on the international situation generally. Mr. Molotov is in a position to hasten that progress by agreeing to put first things first, namely tackling the German and Austrian questions, while the Western Powers can make their contribution to the same end by indicating a willingness to expand the talks into a five power conference should there be useful results from the Berlin discussions.

FIVE-POWER TALKS A "MUST"

SAYS MOLOTOV Demands Inclusion Of Communist China INDULGES IN TIRADE AT BERLIN CONFERENCE

Berlin, Jan. 25.

A hard-hitting, outspoken Soviet Foreign Minister tonight bluntly told the foreign ministers of the three great Western nations that, in the eyes of the rulers in the Kremlin, top priority must be given to a five-power conference with Communist China.

The Soviet government, declared the Soviet Foreign Minister, was prepared to make a concrete proposal on the calling of such a conference to take place some time after the Berlin conference.

M. Vyacheslav Molotov, speaking at the opening session of the Berlin conference immediately after the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, went straight into a forceful resume of Soviet complaints against the West. He spoke at such length—20 duplicator-typed pages, including a French and English version distributed with the original Russian copy—that the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, was forced, despite Soviet objections, to postpone his introductory speech until tomorrow.

M. Molotov's opening speech took the conference by surprise. In it he renewed all the classic allegations made by the Soviet Union against the West and caused considerable disappointment in the American camp, which had warmly welcomed the short, conciliatory speeches of M. Bidault and the British Foreign Secretary.

In view of the tenor of the Soviet stand, Mr. Dulles announced that he would postpone his opening statement as he could not leave unanswered what he regarded as "classic and stale allegations" in M. Molotov's remarks.

Greatly disappointed by another repetition of the intractable Soviet viewpoint, as an American spokesman tonight called it, it was announced that Mr. Dulles, who had drafted a conciliatory speech in keeping with the tone of the British and French delegations, would answer M. Molotov tomorrow and would try to put the conference back on the right track.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, in a renewal of former attacks against American bases and the European defence community, called on the four foreign ministers to give top priority at the Berlin talks to a five-power conference with Communist China.

The Foreign Minister told the three Western foreign ministers that because the Chinese People's Republic, which he called the "legitimate representative of the Chinese people," was not represented in the United Nations, no important step relating to world security could be adopted.

CRITICISES US

M. Molotov vigorously criticised the United States, which he held responsible for keeping Communist China outside of the United Nations.

He commented that a five-power meeting, in his opinion, was indispensable to put an end to the armaments race.

This race, he asserted, had been started by the United States. "Certain powers," he continued, "are carrying out long-range plans which have the aim of setting up military bases on foreign territory far from their own borders. It is said that they do this for defensive ends, although these who listen to them and those who make such statements do not believe it."

single independent state left in Asia which has not established political relations with the Chinese People's Republic or, at least, which is not intending to do so.

M. Molotov told the three Western foreign ministers that, in all, 35 countries, large and small, whose populations totalled about three billion inhabitants, had established diplomatic relations with the Chinese People's Republic.

"It is clear," he continued, "without any need for further explanations that the facts speak for themselves. It is only in North America that no country has yet taken this step."

The Soviet government, he said, took the position that this situation was pregnant with danger.

Taking up the German question, M. Molotov said that the study of this was indisputably linked to the general question of a security guarantee in Europe.

He added: "Only this kind of a solution of the German problem will be durable and just and will contribute to the reinforcement of peace in Europe."

PRIMARY CONDITION
The Soviet Foreign Minister declared that the primary condition for a solution to the German question was that any possibility of new attempts of German militarism to unleash a third world war be excluded.

Referring to the clauses of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements banning militarism and guaranteeing peaceful reconstruction of Germany, M. Molotov said that "the Soviet people and the people of France, Britain and the United States must adopt decisions on the German question that will be in conformity with the international agreements among the governments of the United Kingdom, the United States, the USSR and France, which have adhered to them."

Emphasizing that the objective aimed at was European security, the Foreign Minister continued: "The problem of the re-establishment of German unity and the creation of an all-German government is inseparably linked to the question of knowing if a united Germany will be a democratic and peace-loving state, or if it will once again become a militaristic and aggressive state."

M. Molotov went on to say that it was impossible that Germany as a whole, or any part of Germany whatsoever, should be drawn into a grouping such as the European Defence Community, which the French Minister described as a "military bloc of a group of European countries directed against other European states."

the danger of a new war in Europe.

He said that people were deploring themselves about limiting German militarism under this arrangement. He added: "The formation of the so-called European army, or to put it more exactly, the formation of an army of some states of western Europe in which the army of West Germany, having extensive and revenge-seeking ends, would lead to the creation of a defensive union of other European states in order to guarantee their security."

M. Molotov pointed out that the countries of Europe would then be divided into two military camps, the existence of which would accentuate the dangers of war.

M. Molotov declared: "It is above all the countries of continental Europe, like the USSR and France, which must take into account the creation of such a dangerous situation. It is quite understandable that there are in France an increasing number of opponents of the dominant place which will be occupied by the army of West Germany directed by Hitlerite generals, who have shown what kind of people they are as occupiers of French territory."

M. Molotov said that there could be no united Germany unless it was a peaceful Germany. And, for that, it was necessary to go back to agreements already reached: the Franco-Soviet treaty, the Anglo-Soviet treaty and the Potsdam decisions aimed at preventing any German rearmament.

ATOMIC WEAPONS
Referring to atomic matters, M. Molotov emphasised the need for taking decisions to ban the use of the atomic weapon, the hydrogen weapon and other weapons of mass destruction. He added that the Soviet delegation would, of course, base itself on the fact that, in the last few days, a precise manner of discussing the atomic question had been outlined.

In the course of his statement, M. Molotov said that it would be opportune to discuss the question of an Austrian peace treaty at the present conference. He added that the question should be worked out on the lines of the present agreement between the four powers with the safeguard that Austria did not become an instrument in the "forces of aggression" and, in particular, the instrument of German militarism. France-Press.

Police Fire On Strikers
Bombay, Jan. 25.
One striker was killed and six were injured today when police opened fire on 5,000 demonstrators outside a strike-bombing, tanking mill north of Bombay, United Press.

Invite China, Urges Daily Express

London, Jan. 26.
The right-wing Daily Express declared today that Britain's part in the Berlin conference should be to use her influence to bring China to the conference table.

This mass circulation newspaper added: "It may be said that Molotov's first remark on arriving in Berlin stressed the value of Chinese participation, so that to invite China, it would be to give Russia a diplomatic victory."

"This is a petty and short-sighted view. It is far more important to remember that Russia, with a long frontier in Asia to worry her, is unlikely to make peace in Europe until she can see the outlines of a settlement in the Far East."

"And settlement in the Far East cannot be reached without China,"—Reuter.

SABOTAGE ABOARD CARRIER

London, Jan. 25.
A new case of sabotage was discovered tonight aboard the British aircraft carrier, HMS Indefatigable, at present lying off Portland.

An Admiralty spokesman said that the dial of the boiler room equipment had been smashed, but added that the damage had done no harm to the carrier's sea-going functions.

This was the fourth case of sabotage discovered aboard HMS Indefatigable.

In the three previous cases, a cable was cut, the ship's telephone network was damaged and an oil tank was drained. Similar cases of sabotage were recently discovered aboard the 13,500-ton carrier, HMS Warrior, the destroyer, HMS Sturges and a submarine repair ship.—France-Press.

Churchill, A Marksman

London, Jan. 25.
Seventy-nine-year-old British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, today picked up the new Belgian self-loading rifle—and to the surprise of army officers present, hit the target every time.

Visiting an army range near Chequers, his country home, Sir Winston decided to test the new rifle with which the British army and other Atlantic forces will be equipped. A former cavalry officer at the turn of the century, Sir Winston rattled the target with the skill of a born marksman.

Later, army officers learned that the Prime Minister had already had the new gun to pieces at his official residence in London, 10 Downing Street, to study its mechanism.

The new rifle can be used for single shots or as an automatic in freezing weather or during an unexpected emergency.—France-Press.

Dishonourable Discharge

Washington, Jan. 25.
The Defence Department today ordered the Army to give dishonourable discharges to the 21 Americans who refused to come home from Communist captivity in Korea.

In announcing this action, the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Charles Wilson, said it would immediately end all pay and allowances for the individuals and eliminate them from any accumulated veterans' benefits.

Father Is Convicted Of Manslaughter

Miami, Florida, Jan. 25.
Husky Russell Tongay was convicted of manslaughter today in the high-dive death of his swimming star daughter and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

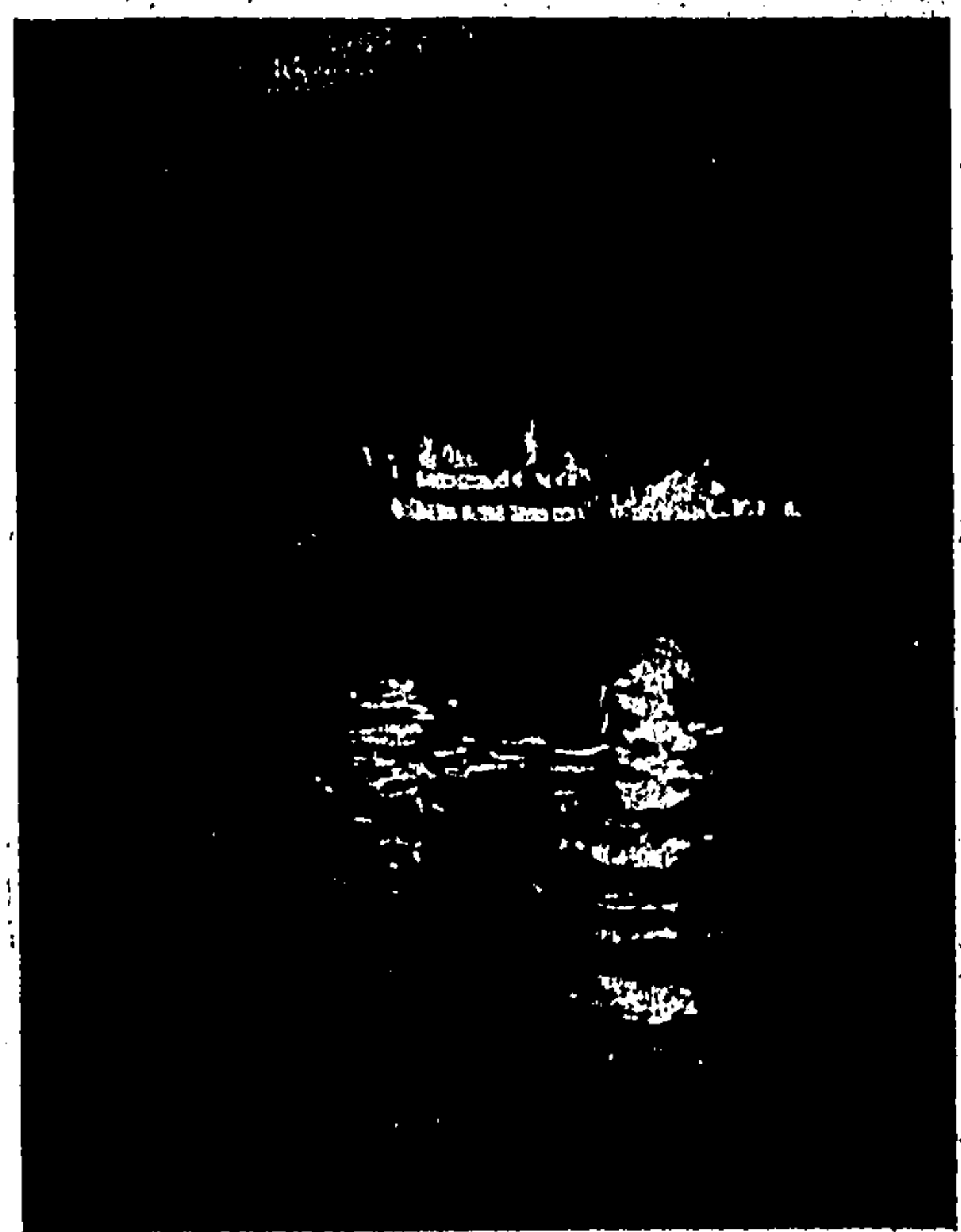
An all-male Circuit Court jury deliberated less than an hour before it returned a verdict of guilty against the 29-year-old former Coast Guardsman, who had been pictured as a drill-master who made his children perform difficult aquatic feats.

His weeping wife, the main witness for the defence, was in the courtroom when the verdict was returned. Tongay himself appeared imperturbable, as he had through most of the four-day trial.

Judge Willard fixed the punishment for Tongay at 10 years hard labour.

In his summation, the assistant Prosecutor, A. C. Dressler, asserted that for purely "selfish gain" Tongay put his children through perilous routines in their "Aquatics" act.

The child Kathy died last May 8, several hours after a high dive which the State contended resulted in a fatal injury.—United Press.



Fifty-eight men and women were rescued by lifeboat from a flame-swept Navy oil tanker in the Bristol Channel last week. The ship was then abandoned, blazing furiously in the moonlight. This graphic aerial picture shows the tanker as the flames swept the whole stern of the vessel, lighting up the ripple-surfaced Bristol Channel.—Daily Express Photo.

Hemingway Describes His Two Amazing Escapes

Entebbe, Uganda, Jan. 25.
Ernest Hemingway arrived in Entebbe today clutching a bunch of bananas and a bottle of gin after surviving two plane crashes in the elephant country of Uganda.

His head was swathed in bandages and his arm was injured, but the celebrated American author quipped: "My luck — she is running very good."

With him was his wife Mary. She had two cracked ribs and was limping as the 55-year-old Hemingway helped her tenderly from a car that brought them here from Butaba, 170 miles away.

Although he declined an offer to fly out of the jungles right after his second crash yesterday, Mr. Hemingway said with a grin that he would fly again as soon as he finds another plane.

He waved a swollen arm, wrapped in a torn shirt, and appeared to be in high spirits as he brushed aside the nearly tragic crashes.

He joked with his wife, saying he was saving attracted elephants as they camped overnight near the wreckage of the first plane that crashed-landed on Saturday near Murchison Falls on the Upper Nile.

HELD THEIR BREATH
"We held our breaths about two hours while an elephant 12 paces away was silhouetted by the moonlight," he roared.

Mrs. Hemingway, the former war correspondent Mary Welsh of Chicago, smiled.

"And when we woke her," continued Mr. Hemingway "with a wave of the gin bottle," she said, "I never sleep. You've got a flask about it. I replied, 'So had the elephant.'"

Mr. Hemingway then gave his imitation of the howl of a wild dog to illustrate how he "talked" with the animals that poked around their campfire in the wilds on Saturday night.

"Every animal detects the wild dog," he explained. "When you howl, all the animals answer, then you know where they are."

Mr. Hemingway, who has lived "as dangerously" as the heroes of his staccato action, was examined by a doctor at Butaba, before the second plane crash. An X-Ray was advised but apparently he was not badly hurt.

The first crash occurred when a Cessna piloted by Roy Marsh cracked up near the 400-foot falls while making an emergency landing. Search pilots who flew over reported the wreckage of the plane was nearby.

The second crash occurred on Sunday after the Hemingways had "hitch-hiked" by tourist steamer down the Nile to Butaba. That plane, piloted by T. R. Cartwright, ground-looped into a wheat plantation and crashed.

Mr. Hemingway said that, in order to miss the birds the plane had to land either on a sandpit where six crocodiles lay basking in the African sun or on an elephant track through thick scrub. Marsh chose the scrub and panicked the plane with minor damage. They spent Saturday night around a campfire, surrounded by the elephant herd, and caught a ride yesterday morning with a launch full of tourists back to Butaba on Lake Albert.

When the second plane ground-looped and caught fire, he said, he butted open the rear door and scrambled out. His wife and the pilot also escaped but all their luggage was destroyed.

"We had emergency goods but were short on water," he said. The trip around Africa is his wife's Christmas present. Mr. Hemingway revealed.—United Press.

HUGE BLAZE AT RUBBER PLANT

Toronto, Jan. 25.
Fire swept through a stockpile of 1,000,000 reconditioned tyres at a rubber plant today, causing an estimated \$1,000,000 damage in Toronto's worst fire in several years.

Firemen said the blaze, which gutted the National Rubber Company plant in the city's West End, may smoulder for two days.—United Press.

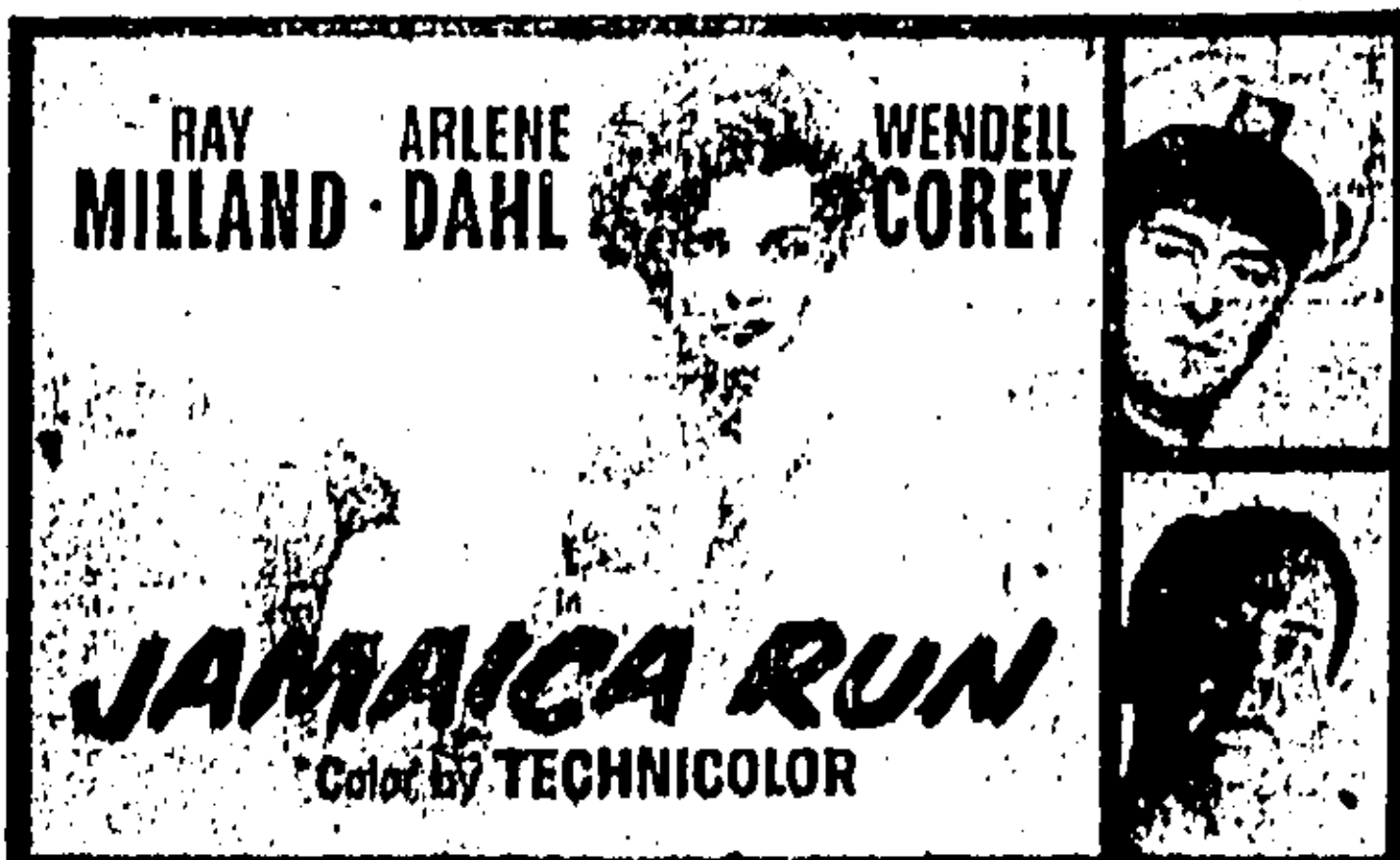
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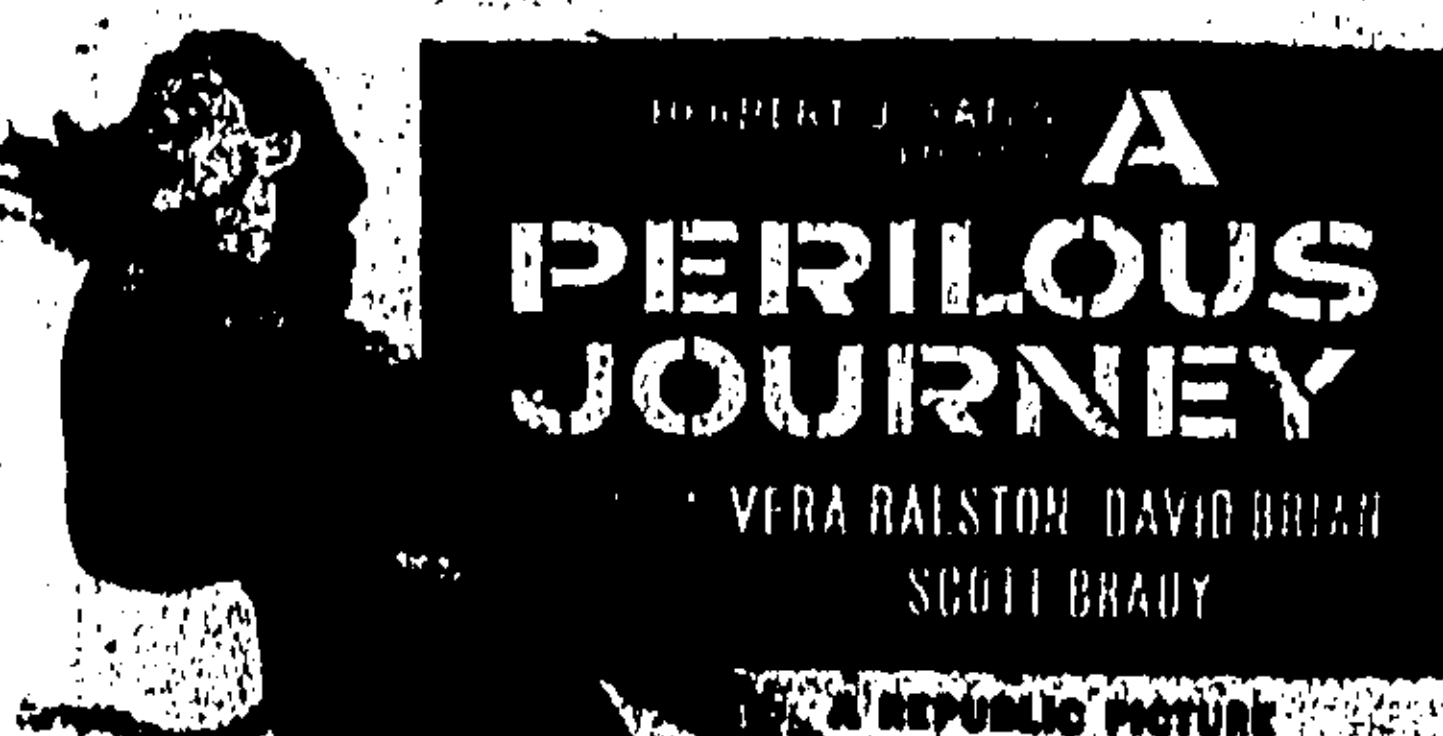


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"Incidents" Are Jeopardising Canal Talks SHOOTINGS & BLOCKADE ON GOODS FOR ISRAEL

The recent incidents in the Suez Canal Area resulting in the shooting of British soldiers were jeopardising the success of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the Canal, the British Minister of State, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, said in the House of Commons yesterday.

He also spoke on Egyptian attempts to extend its blockade on goods to Israel passing through the Canal and said the British Government was considering "the general question of freedom through the Suez Canal."

The Egyptian authorities could prevent both "the recent wave of incidents" and the blockade on goods to Israel "if they so wish."

Plan To Help Americans Buy Homes

Washington, Jan. 25. President Eisenhower today submitted to Congress a broad new housing programme aimed at helping American families of all races, creeds and income levels acquire "decent homes in wholesome neighbourhoods."

Mr Eisenhower also disclosed he soon would submit a re-organisation plan designed to bring the present "loosely knit" Federal agencies into a single organisation under "firmer central control."

Mr Eisenhower's proposals include the setting aside of nearly \$1,000,000,000 in Federal aid funds for "renovation" of run-down neighbourhoods and elimination of slums.

He also proposed a construction rate of 140,000 new low-rent public housing units over the next four years at a rate of 35,000 a year, compared to the present rate of 20,000 a year—United Press.

ITALY'S TREATY WITH JAPAN

Rome, Jan. 25. The Italian Foreign Office announced today that Italy would see a "true and proper treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation" with Japan.

The spokesman said that the decision resulted from the satisfactory solution of "questions of major urgency" that were the objects of Italian and Japanese negotiations for the conclusion of a provisional "modus vivendi"—United Press.

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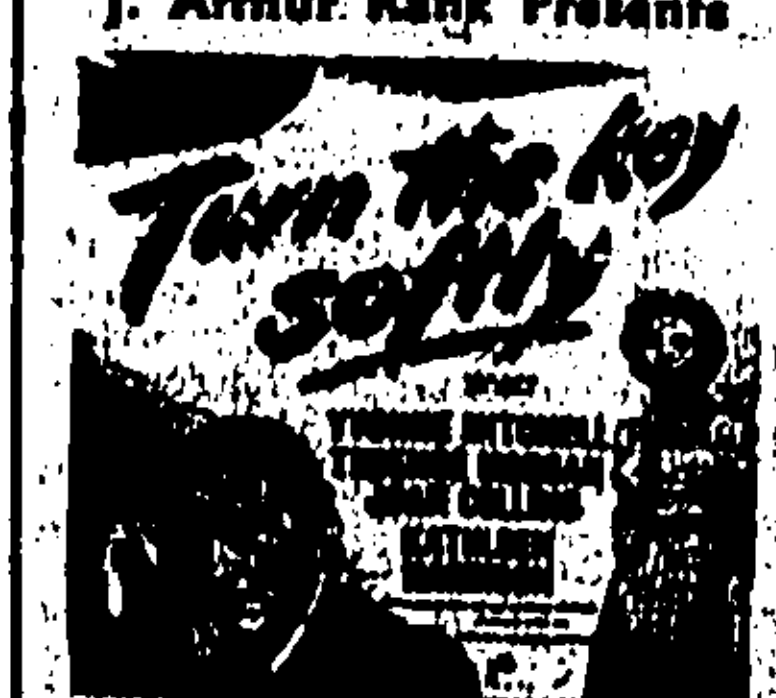


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London, Jan. 25. Mr Lloyd said "it lies within the power of the Egyptian authorities" to prevent the present wave of incidents in the Suez Canal zone "if they so wish."

Strong representations made last September had resulted in a considerably improved situation and there were no major incidents for nearly one month. Then they had broken out again, and stronger representations were made pointing out to the Egyptian Government that it

2,260 Chinese Nationalists Leave Burma

London, Jan. 25. The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, told the House of Commons today 2,260 members of the Chinese Nationalist forces in Burma had been evacuated.

He was replying to Mr Philip Noel Baker (Labour), who asked for the information, Mr Noel Baker asked if the Government thought that was satisfactory progress when there were 12,000 to be evacuated.

Mr Lloyd said in view of the difficulties the progress was not unsatisfactory. He did not regard that as the end of the story. Negotiations were now going on to get a good many more Chinese out of Burma.

Mr Woodrow Wyatt (Labour) said that Chiang Kai-shek was still supplying the Chinese Nationalist forces in Burma with arms from Formosa.

He asked the minister to impress upon the United States Government that arms it supplied to Chiang Kai-shek were passed on to the Chinese in Burma. These weapons were more modern than those the Burmese had.

Mr Lloyd said it would be much better to continue the present arrangements between parties concerned than to give ultimatums.—Reuter.

Opium Seizure In Singapore

Singapore, Jan. 25. Customs officers seized 50 pounds of opium worth \$530,000, aboard the passenger-cargo liner Santhia which arrived from India on Monday.

The opium was hidden in a coil of rope on the after deck, covered with waterproof cloth and apparently ready for lowering into the water.

The authorities said the opium was discovered "during a routine check". There was no advance information on it, they said.

Officers questioned crew members but no arrests were made.—United Press.

Bill To Limit Powers Of US President

Washington, Jan. 25. President Eisenhower today discussed with Senate Republican leaders the Government's legislative programme and a proposed amendment to limit the President's powers regarding the conclusion and the signing of treaties with foreign powers.

The President is known to be opposed to the amendment, which is sponsored by Sen. John H. Chafee, Republican from Ohio.—France Press.

could certainly put a stop to the incidents.

"While that kind of behaviour continues," Mr Lloyd said, "it was quite impossible for Britain and Egypt to reach a satisfactory agreement on the Canal zone."

Mr Selwyn Lloyd told Parliament that apparent Egyptian attempts to extend its blockade of Israel was "an international matter which affects all maritime countries and a subject for action by them together."

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Mr Lloyd said the British Government took a serious view of the extension of the Egyptian blockade to cover the shipments of goods other than arms and chemicals through the Suez Canal to Israel and that it was considering the "general question of freedom through the Suez Canal."

Questioned by Mr Emmanuel Shmuel, a former Labour Minister, Mr Lloyd said no British ship had been detained by Egyptian Government since 1952.—France Press.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

United Nations, Jan. 25. Informed sources said today that the Israeli Government had decided to submit a detailed bill of particulars to the United Nations Security Council listing violations by Egypt of United Nations resolutions on the Suez Canal.

The Government has informed the Israeli delegation to the United Nations of its decision and the delegation will put the complaint before the Security Council at a time and in the form it considers best.

Israel has complained several times recently about the continued Egyptian blockade of cargoes bound for Israel and passing through the Suez Canal.

The last protest the Security Council received was on December 18 when Israel sent in a formal complaint against Egypt's seizure of 140 tons of meat being carried to Israel in an Italian ship from East Africa.—United Press.

Two Soldiers To Be Discharged

Nairobi, Jan. 25. Two young British soldiers said to have been led astray by a European woman old enough to be their mother were each sentenced to three years' imprisonment and dishonourably discharged from the Army by a Nairobi court-martial today on charges of armed robbery, theft and A.W.O.L.

Corporal Kenneth Forster, 20, Royal Corps of Signals, of Sunderland, and Fusilier Arthur Burgess, 22, Royal Inniskilling, of Norwich, held up a bar at Nakuru and stole £30.—France Press.

Mouth Cancer Attributed To Chewing Tobacco

New York, Jan. 25. The American Cancer Society today reported that chewing tobacco and snuff had been found to be associated with cancers of the mouth in one group of patients studied by a research team.

Twenty-six of 40 men with mouth cancer, the report said, were found to have chewed tobacco or taken snuff for many years.

Eighteen of 23 patients with mouth leukoplakia, a condition which some doctors consider pre-cancerous, were tobacco chewers.

The study showed mouth cancers usually developed after 15 years or more of continuous exposure of the mouth lining.

"Let's Call It Elizabeth"

Melbourne, Jan. 26. Some residents of Australia's Northern Territory want the name changed to Elizabeth.

Names of other Australian states or capitals, such as Adelaide, Melbourne, Victoria, Queensland, have a royal or near-royal flavour and those living in the hinterland thought it a good idea to link the Royal Tour with a change to Elizabeth.

But Federal Ministers in Canberra, already sounded on the proposal, have not taken it seriously.—China Mail Special.

"Disastrous" To Ship US Arms To Arabs

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 25. Shipment of American arms to the Arab States would be a "disastrous blunder," Rabbi Irving P. Miller of New York told the Zionist Organisation of America last night.

Rabbi Miller, ZOA President, said he failed "to comprehend how peace and stability would be brought about by the arming of states which have openly proclaimed their aggressive designs against Israel."

"It would not only fail to advance the best interests of our country, but would actually undermine the major objectives of American policy in the Middle East," he said.

He was speaking to members of ZOA's National Administrative Council at their closing meeting. The Council accepted his remarks as they policy.

Rabbi Miller said the American position and interests in the Israel region could best be served by the maintenance and expansion "of our government's fine programme of economic aid to all the countries of the Middle East."

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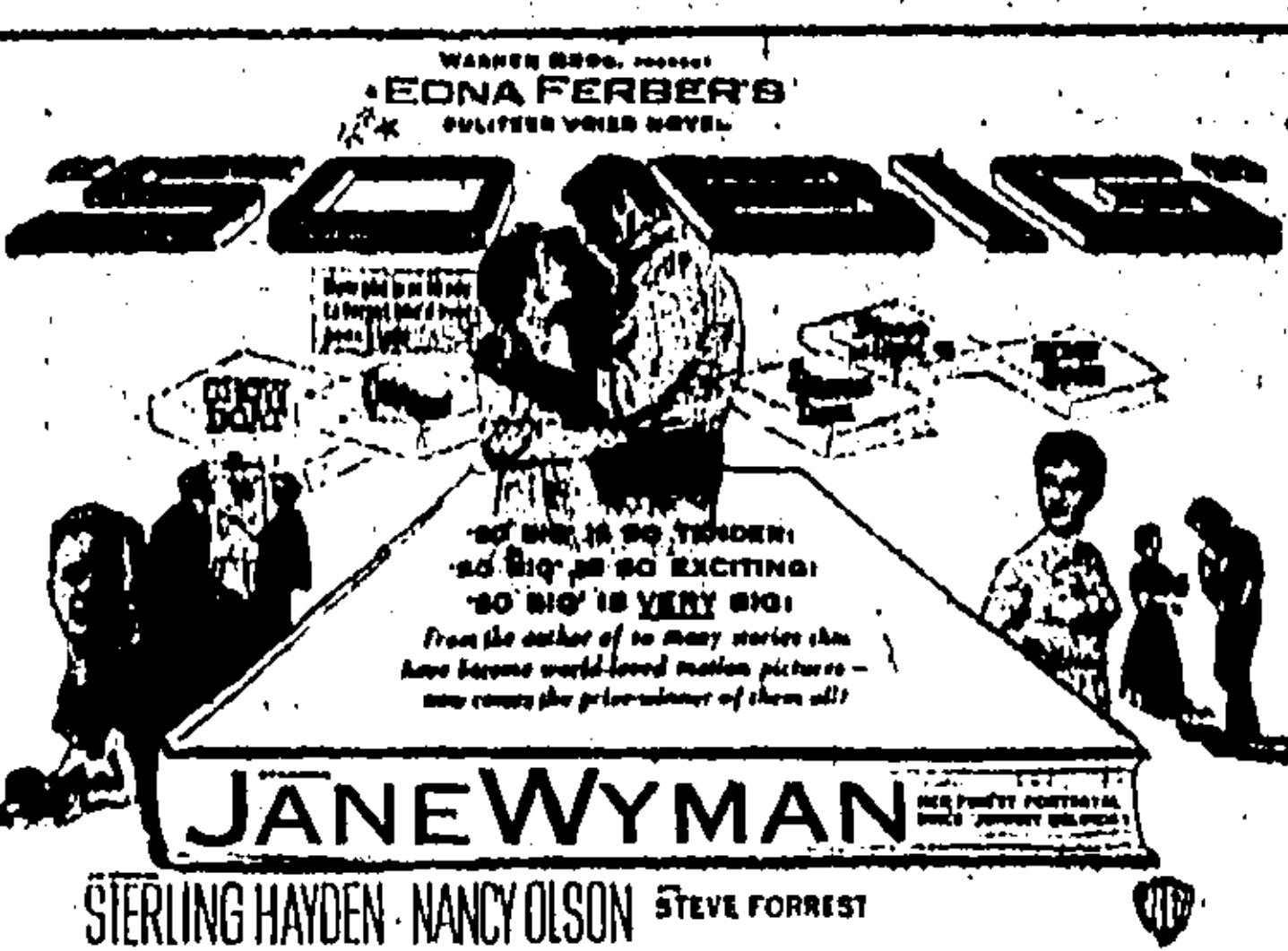
"The Arab peoples should be helped by raising their standards of living and of health, by the strengthening of their economies, by the introduction of democratic ideas into their backward societies. This is the way to build for a lasting peace between Israel and the Arab states," he added.

The meeting proclaimed 1954 as the 50th Anniversary Year, the 50th year since the death of Dr Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist movement.

Mr Abraham Goodman, Chairman of the ZOA Inner Committee and National Chairman of ZOA's tourist department, reported that about 100,000 American Jews would visit Israel during the year to pay homage to Herzl at his tomb on top of the mountain named for him in Jerusalem.—United Press.

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CRUCIAL STAGE IN CHURCHILL'S LONG CAREER

Retirement Hangs On Outcome Of Big Four Talks

The success or failure of the Berlin Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference may determine the date of retirement of Sir Winston Churchill from political life, informed sources in London believe.

These sources say success at Berlin could conceivably lead to the high-level meeting of heads of states which Sir Winston favours.

The United Press correspondent said in a cable from London last night, "any other than Sir Winston's squat beaming figure representing John Bull at such a conference would be inconceivable if his health permitted. He is the last of the Big Three who shaped the fortunes of World War II."

When Sir Winston does retire it seems certain the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, will succeed him despite the growing popularity of and favouritism for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler.

Somerset Maugham Is 80

London, Jan. 25. Somerset Maugham, 80, celebrated his 80th birthday today in his luxury hotel suite here by opening hundreds of letters and telegrams of congratulations.

Mr. Maugham came to London last Friday for a special party of celebration. He will return on Wednesday to France where he has been living for many years, "for peace and quiet,"—China Mail Special.

Wage Cut For Malayan Rubber Workers

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 25. Wage cuts for Malaya's 300,000 rubber workers were announced yesterday by the government arbitrator, Mr. Justice Taylor, ending a two-month deadlock between estate employers and union officials.

The slash would amount to a reduction of 25 cents (Strait dollars) in the daily wages of rubber tappers and 15 cents for field workers.

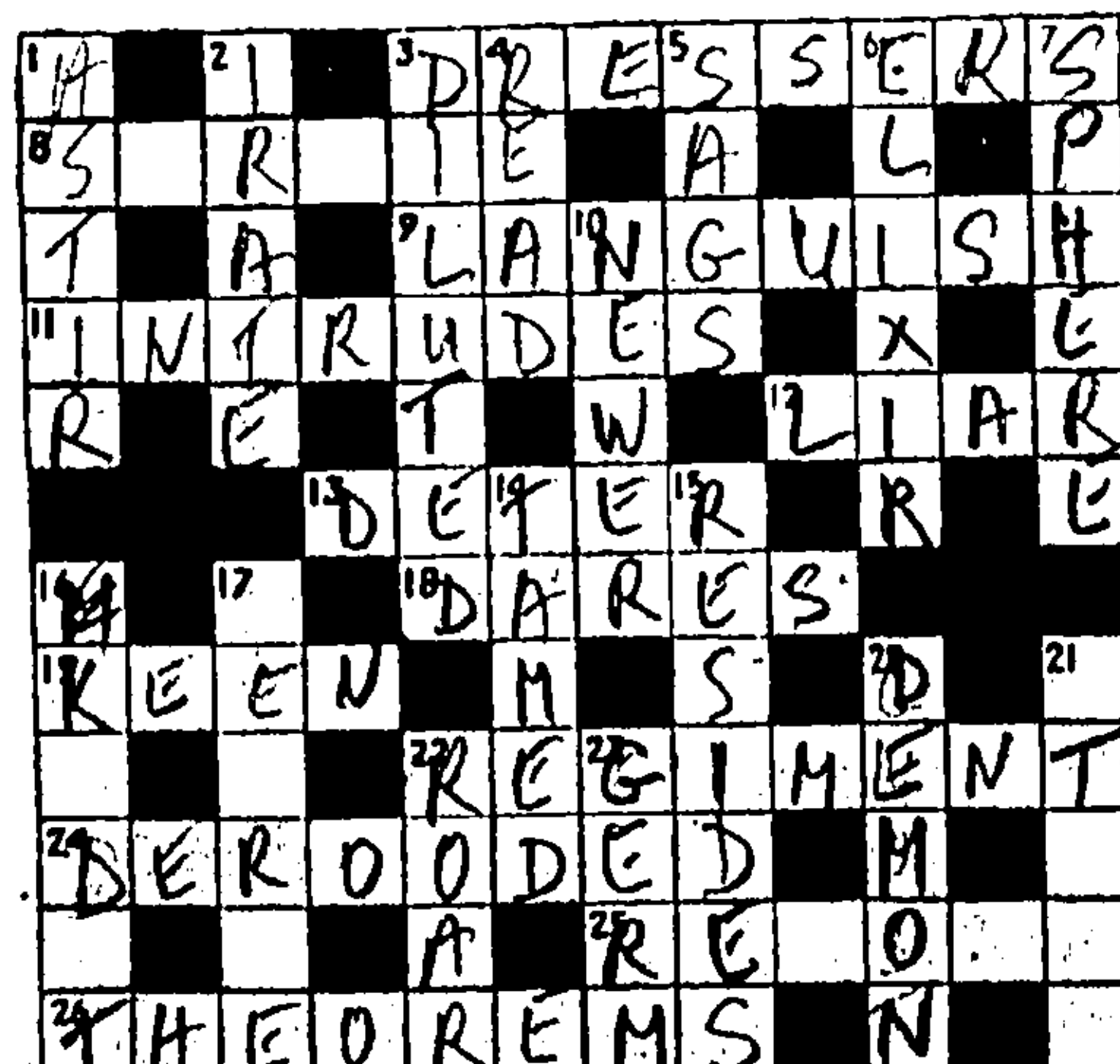
Spokesman for the Malayan Planting Industries Employers' Association, Mr. G. D. Haught, announced that the award was "satisfactory" to management representatives.

The Chairman of the Pan-Malayan Rubber Workers Union, P. P. Narayanan, declined to comment, saying the union would study the arbitration award before issuing a statement.

It was apparent, however, that there was widespread discontent in union circles.

Under the arbitration award the new wage will remain in effect so long as rubber prices remain under 60 cents a pound.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Kitchen sideboards (8).
 - Sally (6).
 - Pine (8).
 - Trespasses (8).
 - Fibber (4).
 - Hinder (6).
 - Ventures (5).
 - Eager (4).
 - Military unit (8).
 - Worn away (8).
 - Take away (8).
 - Propositions (8).

- DOWN
- On the move (5).
 - Anger (6).
 - Weakened (7).
 - Peruse (4).
 - Droops (4).
 - Magic liquid (6).
 - Globe (6).
 - Fresher (6).
 - Demotivated (6).
 - Dwells (7).
 - Lucky charm (6).
 - Hank (6).
 - Evil spirit (5).
 - Prejudicial (5).
 - Bellow (4).
 - Mercy (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Tallman, 7 Rover, 8 Altered, 10 Monito, 13 Extreme, 16 Tono, 17 Pleased, 18 Blashed, 20 Cedo, 21 Resumes, 22 Reast, 23 Escalate, 24 Rigid, 26 Mattress, Down: 1 Prima, 2 Evand, 3 Trees, 4 Idem, 5 Method, 6 Nodded, 9 Tomp, 11 Kalle, 12 Arise, 14 Elden, 15 Tania, 16 Motes, 18 Screen, 19 Advise, 20 Lash, 21 Mide, 22 Rave, 23 Mide.

above all else—the building of a sure and lasting peace.

That has been his preoccupation, and his last great ambition, according to those who know him.

Sir Winston returned to his seat on the front Government bench in the House of Commons last Monday with evident relief to be back after the long Christmas recess, even as the speculation about him was buzzing in the corridors.

With little delay he proved that he is still the match for any man in the House as he slipped down a sarcastic Labour questioner.

There was no apparent reason to those who saw him why his health should force him to retire very soon, though he is hard of hearing and walks more slowly since his illness.

He told Conservative Members of Parliament privately before Christmas that he would step down when his health demanded it.

An article in the Sunday Express, owned by his friend and wartime Minister, Lord Beaverbrook, said flatly that he should put away all ideas of any early resignation. It urged him not to lay down his job.

SIR WINSTON'S CHOICE

It cited other elderly men such as West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, and the South African Premier, Dr. Daniel Malan, who still are leading their countries.

In any case, he would not step down before Queen Elizabeth's return unless it became absolutely necessary, fellow Members of Parliament said.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, would almost certainly be his successor, they said, even though the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, commands great respect inside the Conservative Party.

Mr. Eden is Sir Winston's choice. His health is growing stronger after a long illness last year. A good showing at Berlin would give him a good psychological start in the job of Prime Minister.

It is not certain that Sir Winston has made up his own mind.

Probably Mr. Eden alone knows the answer if he has.—United Press.

Now We Have To Pay For Our Propaganda

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 25. The Malayan Federation Information Service today announced that effective from February 1 it would charge a fee on newspapers and news agencies using Information Service photographs.

In a letter to news agencies and newspapers, Mr. A. D. Peterson, Director-General of Information Services for the Federation of Malaya, said, "It has been decided to impose a charge for the photo prints supplied regularly to you by the Press-division of the Information Service. The charge will be M\$200 per annum."

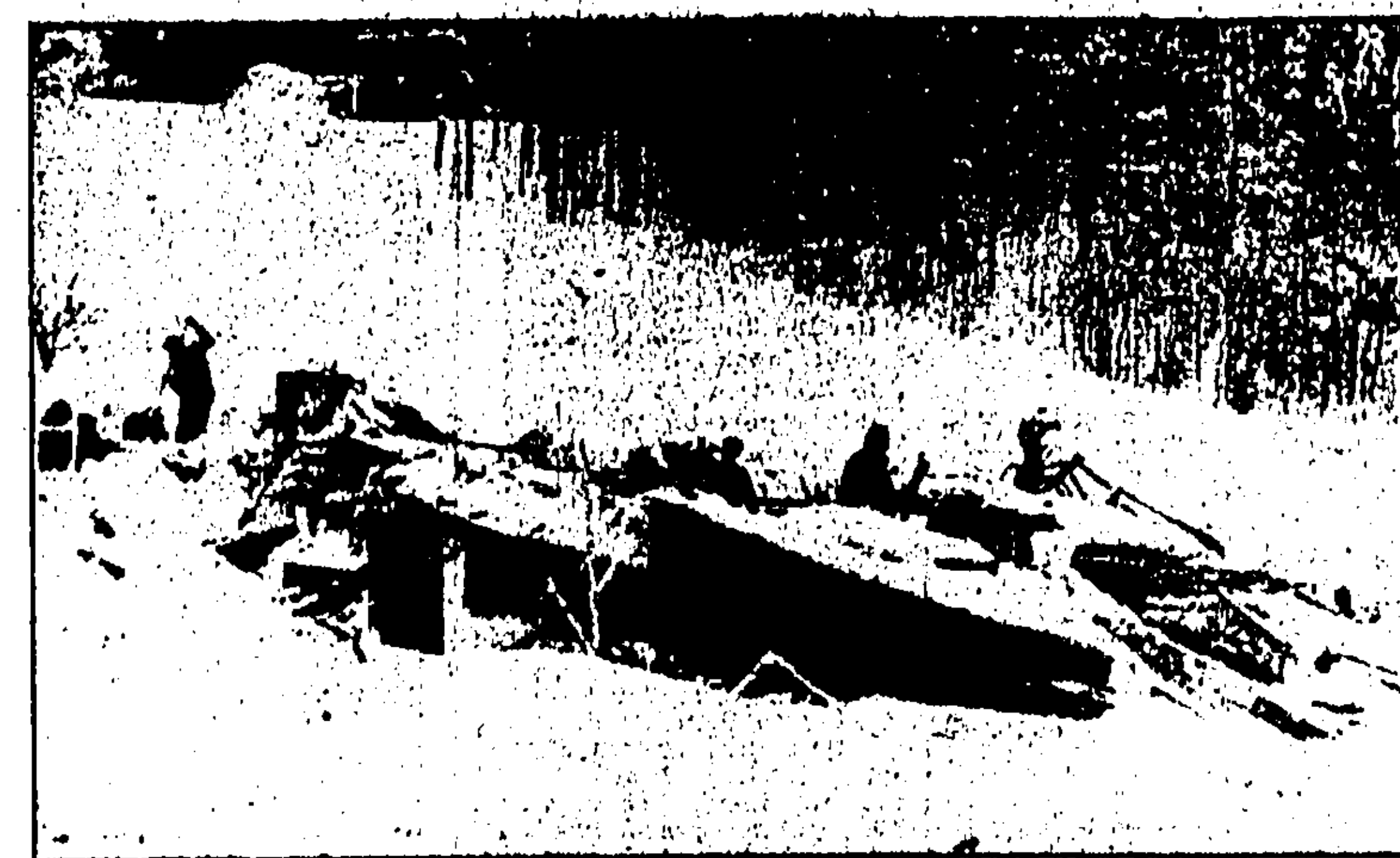
The letter said that newspapers and agencies unwilling to pay the annual fee would no longer receive photographs.

The letter did not give a reason for the decision to impose the charges.

An Information Service spokesman informed the United Press, however, that the new policy stemmed from a decision to cut down printing costs.

It was not known immediately how many newspapers would oppose the Information Service's policy but it was known that some quarters would object, on principle, to the new charge.

"In essence," one newspaper editor said, "we now will be required to pay for the services of supplying propaganda from the Press-division of the Information Service."



Rescue and salvage teams at work digging in the ruins of the completely destroyed Hotel Kaiserhof, Switzerland, after the avalanche, which swept the town recently. A number of the visitors to the hotel saved their lives by being in the wine cellar at the time of the avalanche.—Central Press.

US Should Use Red China As A "Bargaining Point" Says Republican

Topeka, Kansas, Jan. 25. One-time Republican nominee for President, Mr. Alf M. Landon, said today the United States could and should use the question of Red China's United Nations admission as a potent international bargaining point.

The Law Fights The Parents For The Life Of A Child

London, Jan. 25. An eight-year-old girl's parents—both members of the religious sect, Jehovah's Witnesses—fought with law enforcement officers today over a blood transfusion she may need to recover from injuries suffered when she was hit by a car.

The Crown's Counsel, C.C. Savage, said he had made "no progress" in persuading Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frudham, to approve the transfusion, even after warning them they might face manslaughter charges if their daughter Margaret died.

Mr. Savage said he was investigating the possibility of making the child a temporary ward of the Children's Aid Society under provisions of the Children's Protection Act.

Margaret suffered a fractured pelvis and a damaged kidney when she was hit on Thursday by a skidding car.

"UNSCRIPTURAL"

The doctors have not decided definitely whether an operation is necessary, but said they could not perform one unless a transfusion was given.

Frudham, a bricklayer, said a blood transfusion was "unscriptural."

"I would have no pangs of remorse for my action if Margaret died," he said. "If I decided differently, it would be a crime against the child, contrary to our teachings. If I go down to destruction, my children will go down to destruction with me while they are still under age. I am only standing by the word of the Lord. This is His teaching."—United Press.

Stained Glass Window For Four Famous Women

London, Jan. 25. Four famous English women will be honoured by a stained-glass window soon to be unveiled in an historic, but little-known, London Church.

The women, Elizabeth Fry, Florence Nightingale, Josephine Butler and Edith Cavell, already have their place in history as pioneer nurses and social reformers.

Now their memorial has been placed in the rebuilt church of St. Olave, in Hart Street, in the City of London.

This small parish church, known as the "Church of the Good Samaritan," was heavily damaged in German bombing raids in 1941. The first post from the church, a heavily damaged one, was sent on the day of the bombing. It was the church's 100th anniversary on January 25, 1954. The church was rebuilt and the stained-glass window was unveiled on January 25, 1954.—United Press.

In his first major address on international affairs since the Eisenhower Administration took office, Mr. Landon told the Topeka Kiwanis Club: "I like the idea of the (Red China's) admission (to the United Nations) as little as anyone, but my belief is that one cannot base a national foreign policy on likes and dislikes, and it seems to me that this matter is one of the bargaining points in which we hold the cards."

"I do not believe we should nail ourselves down one way or another on this or any other question involving our foreign policy."

Mr. Landon said it was a national habit of the United States to surrender its bargaining position by building up public sentiment on foreign issues and weaken the hands of the nation's negotiators at foreign council tables.—United Press.

Djilas Expected To Lose All His Posts

Belgrade, Jan. 25. Milovan Djilas, deposed Yugoslav Communist leader, is expected to be stripped shortly of his last remaining official posts with the revocation of his mandate as Deputy for the city of Titograd, it was learned today.

Well-informed circles attributed this step to recent repeated statements by residents in his constituency that he was "no longer worthy of representing them."

Djilas was expelled from the Yugoslav Communist Party's central committee and removed from other posts because of a series of articles he had written in criticism of the Party leadership.

It was also probable he would be relieved of his duties as the chairman of the Socialist Alliance.

According to reliable sources, the vice-president of the Yugoslav Federal Executive Council, Moshia Pljadic, would replace Djilas as president of the National Assembly.—France Presse.

This Was A Hotel

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN ARE NOT TO BE LEFT OUT:

A Mother Of Six Is Going To Search For Oil

Perth, W. Australia, Jan. 26.

Two Australian women are forming a team to undertake one of the toughest of mining assignments—the discovery of oil.

They are Mrs. Joyce Jackson, formerly one of Perth's leading amateur actresses and still well-known for her appearances in radio drama, and Mrs. Margaret Heavey, a graduate of the University of Western Australia and until recently lecturer in geology at the Perth Technical College.

A Syndicate, known as Jackson Explorations, has been registered in the name of Mrs. Jackson, an auburn-haired mother of six, who hopes to complete her team with a woman chemist and a woman paleontologist.

Jackson Explorations has asked for a permit to seek oil in the Great Southern district, near Albany, on the southern coast, half a continent away from where Australia's first oil strike was made in December at Exmouth Gulf on the northwest coast.

The Syndicate is the result of a husband-and-wife hobby-interest in geology. Both Mrs. Jackson and her husband indulged their hobby in the Albany district six years ago, when Mr. Jackson was recuperating from an illness.

They collected specimens and sent one of them abroad for analysis. It proved to be asphaltum, an ore closely identified with petroleum.

Reports of oil "indications" in the district have been made for many years and following the Syndicate's application for a search permit, Mrs. Jackson received scores of letters from residents offering to show her where they had found indications of the presence of oil.

MORE PLEASANT

The geological map of Western Australia shows portions of the area, which, incidentally, runs six miles out to sea, to be similar geological structure to the Exmouth Gulf area.

The country will be far more pleasant to work than either the desolate Kimberley or the Exmouth Gulf areas which have been the focus of oil search operations in Western Australia up to the present.

It is fairly closely settled with a well developed system of roads and railways. Unlike the parched north of the State, it has a plentiful rainfall.

It is, however, densely wooded and this would be a handicap to the oil searchers.

One of the few male members of the Syndicate is former Imperial Army officer, Captain Roland Everett who, during World War I, was in Mesopotamia and Persia and saw a good deal of the oil operations in those countries.

He said he has been most impressed by the signs of oil in the Syndicate's prospective search area. He intends to leave soon for London where, he says, he is well-known in financial circles and believes that he could raise the finance needed for a major drilling programme if such were likely to prove successful.

GOOD FOR 2 YEARS

If the Syndicate is granted an exploration permit, it will be allowed to carry out the search, including scout drilling operations, in an area which, under West Australian mining legislation, must not be less than 1,000 square miles.

Recruits for the British regular army last year totalled 30,000, compared with 43,071 in 1952, it was announced today.

The 1952 figure was the highest for 20 years.—Reuter.

Mau Mau Losses Mounting

Nairobi, Jan. 25. Seventy-eight Mau Mau terrorists were killed last week and 67 captured, including 29 wounded, the East African general headquarters announced tonight.

During the same period 23 loyal Africans were killed and five wounded.

An African who failed to halt when challenged by the police was shot dead today in the industrial area of Nairobi where men of the Kenya Regiment had been carrying out a large-scale sweep.

Nairobi security forces had been strengthened by extra British troops whose presence had beneficial results, a senior Police officer said today.—France-Presse.

Malenkov Hears Report On Agriculture

Paris, Jan. 25. Radio Moscow reported tonight the Soviet Premier, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, President Kliment Voroshilov, Communist Party Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev and other leading Government and Party officials today attended a meeting of leaders of agricultural machinery and tractor stations at the Kremlin.

The radio said some 2,100 directors, farm engineers and heads of collective farms who attended the meeting heard a report by the Agricultural Minister, Mr. Ivan Benediktov, on decisions made by the Government and the Party on Sept. 21, 1953 and their application and on appropriate ways to increase the output of machinery and tractor stations in 1954.

Last December, Benediktov had been attacked by Pravda, official organ of the Party, for his Ministry's lack of organization.—France-Presse.

Col. McCaffrey Dead

Montclair, N.J., Jan. 25. Colonel Cedric McCaffrey, one of the Army's top authorities on military government, died of a heart attack today at the Castle Point, New York, Veterans Hospital, where he was being treated for tuberculosis contracted in Korea.

Colonel McCaffrey, who was 58, served as Military Governor in Italy and Vienna after World War II and as "John Henry" in the novel, "A Bell for Adano" by Colonel Burt Foster. He was also a member of the United Nations Civil Administration Commission for Korea.

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**RETURN from the
SLAVE-CAMPS**

A report on 10,000
homecomings without
a smile...after 9 years

Hunger-strikers organise to defy the Russians

I REMAIN in awe of the Germans. Their bubble of omnipotence was pricked as Hitler went down in Wagnerian magnificent madness in his Berlin bunker.

But the ragged remnants of the once great army who came back to Friedland told one story at least which exhibits their rigid obedience and alarming discipline.

In December 1949 more than a thousand prisoners of war in a camp near Stalingrad were sentenced to "conical terms" of 25, 20 and 15 years imprisonment.

Although the Germans knew that this was a trap, formally approved, to engage them in slave labour on construction jobs and in coal mines, to assist Soviet economy, they decided that a protest was called for.

A hunger strike was called. Now there was no central organisation in the camp, no committee, no constitutional body to give directions and instructions.

In the barracks of the camp German generals were living alongside corporals, sergeants and privates. But the spirit of the protest quickly made itself apparent. And on January 1, 1950, the hunger strike began.

Trick fails

It is interesting to note that the Russians, about whom many stories of brutality have been told, made no attempt to break the strike by force. They isolated the barracks.

On the second morning of the strike they went into Barrack No. 3. They said: "All right, Barrack No. 1 has eaten this morning. The hunger strike is over. Now come down to the kitchen and eat."

The inmates of Barrack No. 3 trooped down to the kitchen, hunger gnawing their stomachs. The cook, as they went in, gave a slight, almost imperceptible, shake of the head. The Ger-

THEN THE TORTURE ENDS

men knew that Barrack No. 1 had not eaten. The strike was still on.

The Russians heaped their plates with food for better than they had known for years. The Germans, notoriously big eaters, declined to touch it.

After half an hour the Russians, admitting defeat, ordered them back to their barracks.

Discipline

THIS day-to-day programme of the strike was given to me by a returning German.

Day 1: Very bad. Awful hunger.

Day 2: Hunger increasing. Almost unbearable.

Day 3: That was very bad. We got pains over the heart. We were dizzy.

Day 4: We were not so hungry. We lay on our beds most of the time. The Russians cut down the heat in the barracks. The cold was shocking.

Days 5 and 6: We just lay on our beds. We no longer had any appetite.

On the seventh day the hunger strike was called off. The Germans had made their names protest. Their sense of discipline was as strong as ever. I asked, and I was told that not a single man had disobeyed the general instruction.

Apparently even the people of Russia could scarce forbear to cheer this performance. The story got out, and Russian workers told them: "We have

never dared strike. We admire your show."

It took the Russians some time after the war to realise that they had an enormous potential labour force on their hands in the thousands of prisoners rotting in camps.

Conditions in the early years were simply appalling. Prisoners I was told, died off like sick sheep, and were accorded a burial no better than a farm-giver gives a dead sheep.

By 1948 conditions had begun to improve. The Germans did not attribute the improvement to humanity. The Soviet authorities had come to understand that, in several of the old tag, the only good German was a live German. He could be put to work, and because of his nature he would work well.

Hospitals, which previously offered little in medical advice or equipment, became better equipped. Penicillin, sulphur drugs, and streptomycin made their appearance. At first the penicillin was exclusively of American origin.

Soon it was coming from Russian laboratories.

A German who worked for some years in a hospital told me that deaths dropped from 30 a day to two a week, and that if they rose abruptly a commission from Moscow would arrive to investigate the cause.

Typhus, once the scourge of Russia, became practically unknown. Delousing was an important priority in the list of efficiencies to keep the labour force effective although the old method of heat-and-gas treatment on the prisoners' clothes was used instead of the quicker DDT treatment.

Desolation

THUS the Germans became an integral part of the Soviet economy. Many of the men worked down the coal mines in the Urals, where the temperature, even at the coal face, was seldom above freezing point.

Even then, I was told that the women, who were never put

**CYRIL
AYNSLEY**
himself spent four years as a prisoner of war of the Germans—held at various times in camps in East Prussia, Poland and Hanover, at Breslau and Sagan, south of Berlin. He went back to Germany to compile this report on the men who were Stalin's slaves.

to hewing coal, often had worse jobs than the men. One gang of women was put to constructing a railway in the tundra in 40 degrees of frost.

In 1948 and 1949 the prisoners, in desolation, lived on the hope that the Western Powers would attack Russia and drop arms to them. They would willingly have sacrificed their lives in fighting their way out.

But it became clear, as I talked to the returned prisoners, that conditions have improved since the death of Stalin.

Always fear

FINALLY, odd impressions I caught of the Russian character were:

Their strange formality: Everything done has to be documented. However farcical a trial may be the proceedings are written down and reported to higher authorities. They have an obsession for commissions of inquiry.

Passing the buck: All officials live in fear of the other man. Often a high-level decision will be passed on to a local official, who will then have to accept responsibility if things go wrong.

Their ironic sense of humour: One German, a technician, after eight years of slave labour was asked, as he was coming home, if he would like a good job in the East.

"We can do with men of your ability," he was told. He turned the offer down.

● BROADWAY is seeing British comic Hermione Gingold for the first time in John Murray Anderson's Almanac, and every night she keeps the jam-packed, sophisticated audience in stitches with her antics. Columnists quote her party quips as if they were the latest from Dorothy Parker. Gingold, in short, is the current pet of New York. Here is her MANHATTAN DIARY (transcribed by Evelyn Irons).

ONE MAN WORE A CORONET IN THE STALLS

New York. CRAZY things happen here. To the BALLET on Sunday—and what do I see? A man wearing a coronet. In the audience. He wore a business suit (lounge suit to you). I do think that with a coronet a man ought to wear evening dress. But nobody took any notice.

Evening dress is not the wear for the theatre in New York. But New York audiences do not smoke in the theatre, and they are not served with tea or coffee. There is little coughing, no rattling of cups, after the curtain goes up and no rush back from the bar, because New York theatres do not have bars.

THEY PASS THROUGH

MY dressing-room is known as PICCADILLY CIRCUS. Large numbers of British people passing through Manhattan pass through there on their way.

Sample—two young British Navy AB's, one from Harrow and the other from Dulwich, who are learning to fly in Florida. They said they would never have had the courage to go backstage in London, but here it was different.

OPEN UNTIL MIDNIGHT

ONE of the many things I like about New York—shopping in the night. A BOOK AND RECORD SHOP on Fifth Avenue, open until midnight, is like a club. One meets all one's friends there.

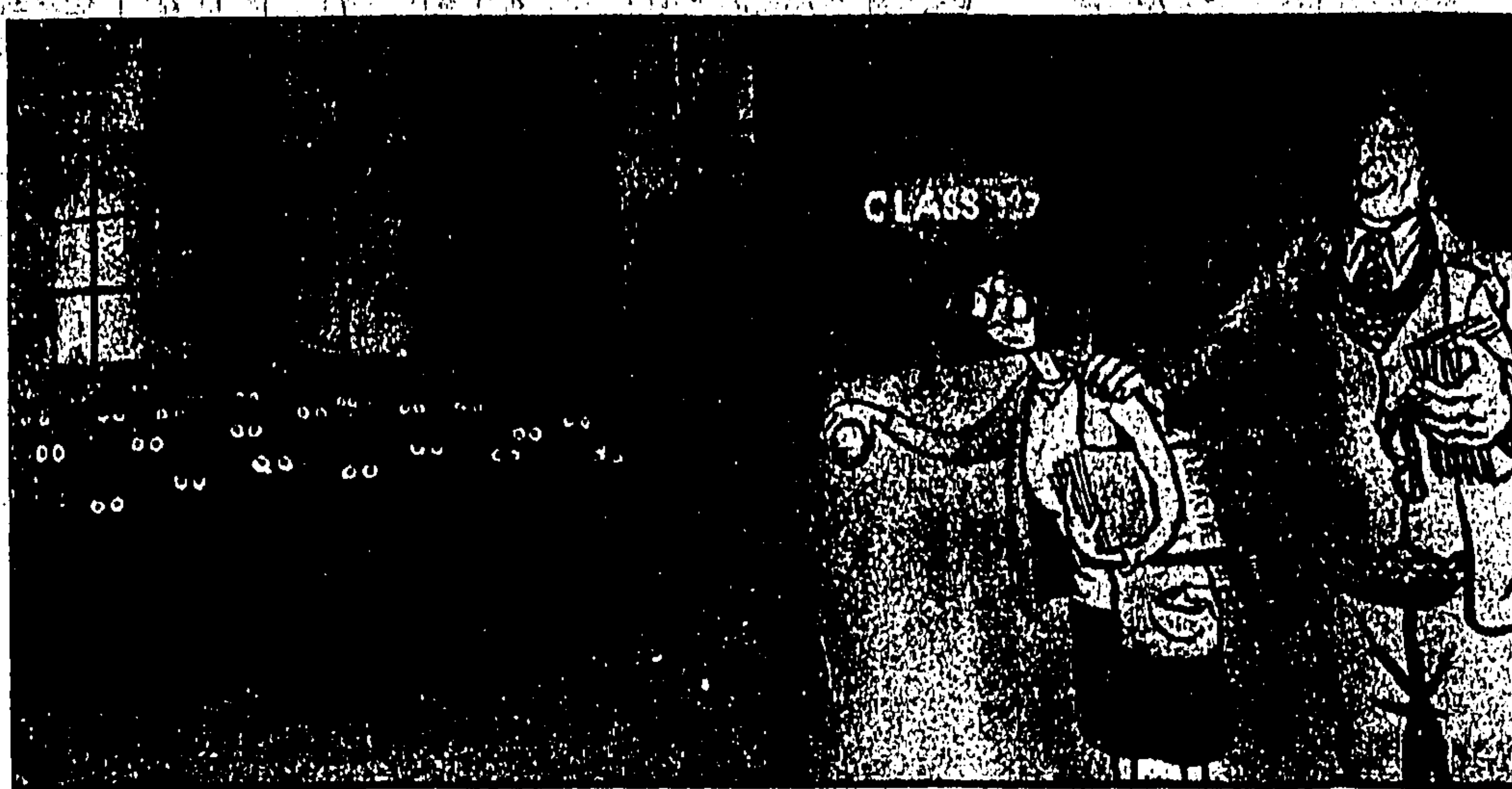
They don't go just for conversation. Some shut themselves up in cubicles and spend an enjoyable hour playing new records. One man reads novels. He puts a marker in his place when the shop closes and comes back the next night to read on.

I do my household shopping in the night, too. The delicatessen store round the corner from my apartment is open till one in the morning. In this way I am becoming domesticated.

LOOKING FOR FACES

EVENINGS when I am not picking over the new books or thick "staple" from the

GILES ON THE GUERRILLA STRIKES:



"Be brave, Miss Loris. Maybe the electricians will call off their strike tomorrow."

London Express Service

THE MOST COVETED DISTINCTION FOR VALOUR

THREE HAVE WON THE VC TWICE

By PETER LOVEGROVE

THIRTEEN hundred and thirty-nine sailors, soldiers and airmen of all ranks, three Army padres and four civilians have won the Victoria Cross since Britain's most coveted distinction for valour was in-

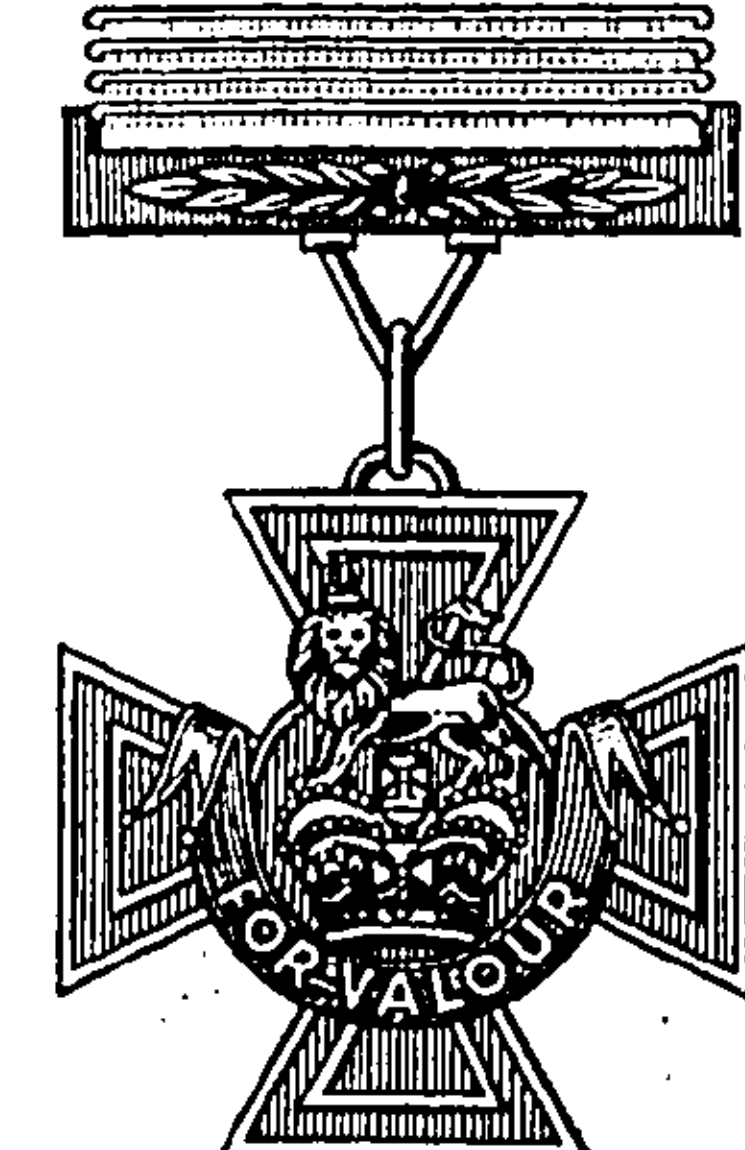
stituted 98 years ago. Two hundred and ninety of the awards were made posthumously.

The British Army has produced 864 VC's, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines 118, and the Royal Air Force 31. One hundred and eleven awards have been made to members of the Indian Army, 87 to Australian forces, 79 to Canadians, 28 to South Africans and 21 to New Zealanders. Newfoundland (in World War One) and the Fiji Military Forces and the King's African Rifles (in World War Two) have each received one award.

Three Doubles

ONLY three men—one of them is still alive—have won the honour twice, and two of them served in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Lt.-Col. A. Martin-Leake, who died recently, won his first VC as a Surgeon-Captain in the South African Constabulary in the Boer War, and the second near Zonnebeke in Belgium in 1914. Capt. Noel Chevasse won both awards for his conspicuous gallantry while attached to the 1/10th Bn. The Liverpool Regiment in France and Belgium in 1916 and 1917—his second VC being made posthumously.

The third double VC is Capt. C. H. Upham of Christchurch, New Zealand who is now a sheep farmer. His first distinction rewarded exceptional bravery at Malame, Galatas and Sphakia during the German airborne invasion of Crete in



First Award

THE very first Victoria Cross was awarded to Mate Charles David Lucas, a sailor who later became an admiral, for remarkable gallantry and presence of mind in action in the Baltic Sea. He was serving on board HMS Heckla, and during the bombardment of the Russian fortress of Bomarsund, in the Aland islands, a live shell with a burning fuse fell on the deck. Lucas rushed forward, picked it up and flung it overboard, the shell exploding before reaching the water.

Though it was originally ordained that the decoration would reward bravery in the face of the enemy, exceptions have been made for acts undertaken under other circumstances of extreme danger. Thus Private T. O'Hara of the 1st Battalion, The Rifle Brigade, received the award for his courage in suppressing a fire in a railway car containing live ammunition in Canada, while an assistant-surgeon and five privates of the South Wales Borderers were similarly decorated for their daring in the Andaman Islands in 1867. They saved seventeen officers and men in a storm at sea.

All four awards to civilians were made for exceptional bravery during the Indian Mutiny, but civilians are still eligible for serving with one of the Armed Forces. It is also possible for a member of the Women's Services to win the VC, though no woman has yet accomplished it.

In Korea

THE British Unknown Warrior of World War One buried in Westminster Abbey, and the American Unknown Warrior of the same war, were awarded the Cross, though neither award was gazetted.

Six hundred and thirty-three decorations were conferred in World War One and 182 from 1939 to 1945. Four soldiers in the Korean campaign have also won Britain's supreme military distinction, two of the awards being made posthumously. They are the late Major K. Muir, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; the late Lieutenant R. E. C. Cunniff, attached to the 1st Battalion, The Gloucestershire Regiment; Pte W. Speakman, of the Black Watch; and Lieutenant-Colonel James Carmichael, who led the "Glorious Gladiators" during their historic stand at the Imjin River battle in April 1951.

Colonel Carmichael, who also won the DSO for gallantry two months earlier, received both decorations from Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace in September last October.

held by the Gough family, three members of which have received the distinction.

Major C.J.S. Gough (6th Bengal European Cavalry) and his brother Lieutenant H.E. Gough (1st Bengal European Light Cavalry) won their Crosses in the Indian Mutiny, and 45 years later Major Gough's son, while serving with the Rifle Brigade in Somaliland, earned the family's third award.

The Victoria Cross was the first award instituted for valour only, irrespective of rank. It was the great Queen's own idea; she had appreciated that there existed no means of adequately rewarding the individual bravery of junior officers and other ranks, and her first warrant ruled: "It is ordained, with a view to place all persons on a perfectly equal footing in relation to eligibility for the decoration, that neither rank, nor long service, nor wounds, nor any other circumstances or condition whatsoever, shall be held to establish a sufficient claim to the honour."

Gun Metal

THE Prince Consort is usually credited with the design—a Maltese cross of bronze, 1 1/4 inches in diameter, adorned with the Royal Crown, surmounted by a lion with a scroll bearing the inscription: "For Valour." On the reverse side is the date of the act of bravery for which it has been awarded, whilst the name of the recipient is inscribed on the back of the cross to which it is attached by a loop shaped like a "V".



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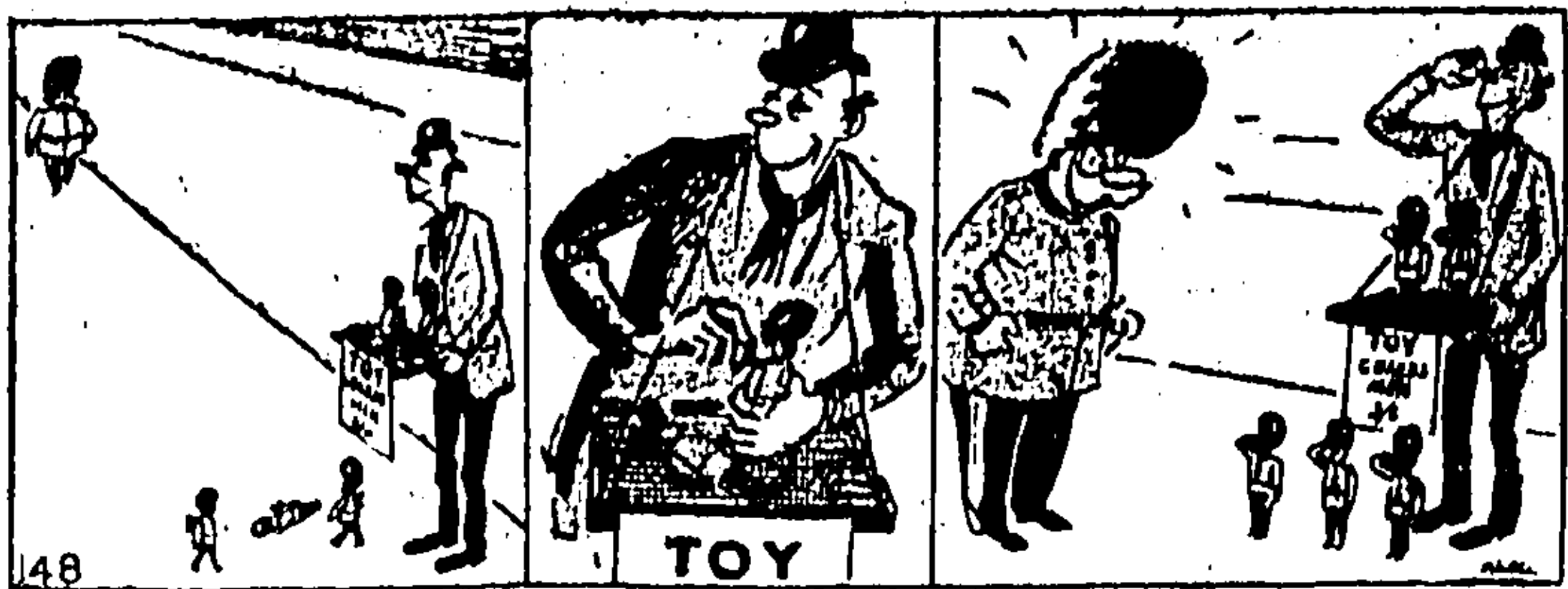
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♦ 104	♦ K5	♦ A76	♦ Q8732
♣ 853	♣ Q	♣ A710	♣ K97642
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			Double Pass Pass Redbl (1)
			Pass Pass
			Opening lead—♥ K

BY OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand was played some years ago in a tournament. At the table the East-West pair had made seven tricks and they were out of the running. The South player, who was a very good player, was expected to win the game with a grand slam. He had failed to take a trick, and the East player had taken 4,000 points.

How do you get your hand into a jam of this kind? One way is to have your signals go wrong, and another way is to have too much confidence in your partner than he can possibly deserve.

South's bid of two spades was intended to demand a takeout in one of the minor suits. South thought that the opponents could do well in the major, and he hoped to deal the hand from them in a free bid.

The actual North player decided that South's bid was a mistake and that one of the opponents was trying to get away with a psychic bid.

West took the first three tricks with top hearts and then led a fourth heart. South ruffed low in the dummy, not knowing where any of the top spades were, and East over-ruffed with the six of spades.

East continued the ace and then the ten of clubs. West, ruffing out declarer's king of clubs.

West led a low diamond next. East winning with the ace. East cashed the jack of clubs and led a diamond to his partner's king. By this time all hands were reduced to four cards, and West led his last heart.

South desperately ruffed with dummy's nine, and East over-ruffed with the ten. East then led a third trick with the ace, king and queen of trumps.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
3 Spades Pass
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-7-3-2, Hearts 8-6-5, Diamonds 8, Clubs A-Q-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid four no-trump. There is bound to be a slam even if your partner has only a good heart suit and a strong spade support. You begin the Blackwood Convention because you will bid a grand slam in spades if your partner can show three aces.

TODAY'S QUESTION

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YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

BORN today, you are more than normally intuitive and will probably have exceptional psychic powers, as well. Your imagination is very keen and since you have the gift of the written word, you would probably do well in the field of fiction, drama or script writing. You have a great deal of nervous energy and once you start a project you will work at it to the highest possible pitch to finish it. In fact, while working on something, you are rather too inclined to ignore the necessary amount of mental and physical relaxation. Guard against letting overwork jeopardize your ultimate success. Learn to take times out of your stride and work at an even pace more consistently.

You have a wide range of interests and may find it somewhat difficult to make up your mind what you want to do in life. If you are to be the bread winner for the family, you will need to make an early decision. If you are a member of the fair sex who is just working as a stop-gap until marriage comes along, the selection of a career is less important. You have an adaptability which makes it possible for you to get some kind of a job easily.

You are gregarious by nature and like people. Be cautious against scattering your affections so widely that you do not find that "one love" would make romance and marriage a permanent happiness in your life.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Listen to the opinions of other people. It is on second consideration you will seem to be set on your course.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Even if routine appears very dull, you may find it the best way to get on with your job.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Pay attention to your personal appearance. If your wardrobe is lagging behind fashion, renew it.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Keep your eyes fixed on your objective and prove very helpful to others. It can serve to advance your future.

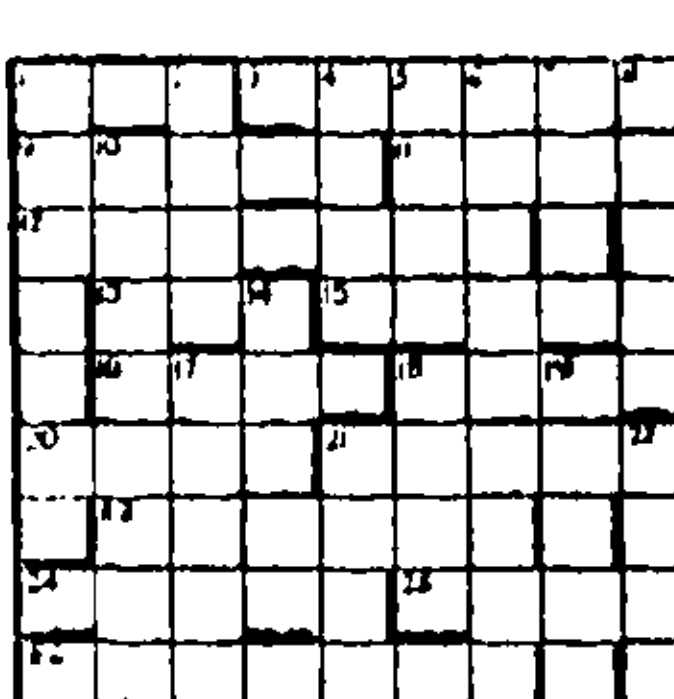
GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If your own efforts seem to be lagging behind, you could perhaps welcome to you a helping hand.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Fast temper and often fool you upon meeting a new acquaintance. Don't give your confidence too soon.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 23)—Keep your eyes fixed on your objective and don't waste your intentions to do a good job all the time.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Follow your own inspiration but listen to the suggestions of expert advice as well.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

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SOLUTION

TO CHECK

YESTERDAY'S

PUZZLE

DUMB-BELLS



WHAT'S HIS LINE?

S. N. WENDOVER

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

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BY THE WAY
By Beachcomber

A MAN who shaved a quantity of bottled gooseberries and sold them as grapes was closely questioned by Mr Justice Cocklecarrot yesterday.

"What do you suppose would happen," asked Cocklecarrot, "if everybody did this?" The man thought for a moment. Then he said: "My lord, the first result would be an excess of supply over demand. But we may ignore that aspect of the case, as there are not enough gooseberries. As for the people who would not want to shave gooseberries and sell them as grapes. And as even a shaved gooseberry does not look like a grape to anybody with his wits about him, I do not think the question arises."

Chaucer for the Eskimos

NOW that Democracy has hit the Eskimos in the midriff, I hear that the British Council, not from recollections of Henry James in Persia, but from a desire to help the Eskimos, has decided to send a team of Eskimo writers to the Eskimos. The team will be made up of Eskimo writers who will be sent to the Eskimos to help them to write. The team will be made up of Eskimo writers who will be sent to the Eskimos to help them to write.

In passing

A STREET car recently appeared to be jammed from end to end with parked cars. But a man who joined the car was told it was not a parking place. It was only that the car had been there for hours, unable to move backwards or forwards. A couple who lived in the street and could not get to their front door, exchanged their car with the owner of one that was half on the pavement. In front of their house, a little of the car was visible. A little of the car was visible. A little of the car was visible.

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ENGLAND v. WALES AT TWICKENHAM



Wales gets the ball from a line out in the international match at Twickenham which England won by 9 points to 6. It was England's first victory against Wales at home since 1939.

Zatopek To Concentrate On Longer Distance Runs

Frankfurt, Jan. 25.

Czech "human locomotive" and triple Olympic Gold Medal winner Emil Zatopek is determined to continue his record-breaking pace in 10,000 Metres runs and up during the 1954 athletic season, the official magazine of the West German Track and Field Association reported from Prague in its latest edition.

Zatopek, the publication added, may no longer attempt to shatter the 5,000 Metres world mark and other shorter distance records.

Zatopek last November, at the 10,000 Metres runs and up in these competitions, and that world record in the 10,000 Metres event in 29 minutes 16 seconds, chopping one second off his own three-year-old mark of 30:02.6 minutes set on August 4, 1950, at Turku, Finland.

"They should not longer expect too much from me," the runner told the magazine. "Prague correspondent, Klement Kerasubek."

"I should get accustomed to it—and I must, too—that on the shorter distance runs (such as 5,000 and 3,000 Metres) I can only make fastest performances."

"I feel that my specialties are

"I have sometimes been advised to concentrate again on the 5,000 Metres run. I was told to run shorter stretches with more speed in practice runs. I have already tried this. But I never felt well after such training."

"I am of the opinion that every runner must train for the distance for which he has the best prerequisites. If a runner trains for 10,000 Metres specially, he also turns in good

times in the 5,000, 3,000 and 1,500 Metres runs. "If a 1,500 Metres specialist trains for his 1,500 Metres event, he also makes good times in the 3,000 and 5,000 metres runs. Maybe this is an error, but my own experience has taught me so," Zatopek said.

PRIZE FOR PIRIE
Zatopek praised the young London Bank clerk and up-and-coming runner Gordon Pirie as a gifted and likeable boy.

Pirie, launched into the top circle of the world's 5,000 Metres runners last year through his 14:02.6 result at the August 28-29 British-German track and field meet at Berlin.

"Why should not the name of the 10,000 Metres world record holder some day be Pirie?" Zatopek asked.

"Anybody who surpasses my training will also shatter my record. I only hope that Pirie does not 'burn out' too early. Pirie is still very young and at his age one should not overdo the long distance runs."

"Pirie is very good in the shorter distance runs. But he has the will to also achieve something extraordinary in the long distance events. Therefore, he must still improve in the shorter distances."

ON THE RUSSIANS
Zatopek also considered the two Soviet runners, Vladimir Kuts and Alexander Anufriyev as strong competitors to shatter his world marks.

Anufriyev, who was the first Russian athlete ever to smash his way into the class of the world's top distance runners by winning the 1952 Olympic Bronze Medal in the 10,000 Metres run in 29:48.2, ranks first among the Russian 5,000 and 10,000 Metres runners of the past season with 13:58.8 and 29:23.2 minutes.

Kuts, a 26-year-old runner, figures in second place in the list of the 1953 season's best Russian 5,000 and 10,000 Metres runners with 14:02.2 and 29:41.4.

"Both Kuts and Anufriyev are in excellent condition—moreover, they are young and ambitious. The only thing I do not fully agree with is their tactics. They always run at such a tempo as though they are out to improve on the world record by at least 30 seconds. If they should ever succeed in maintaining their speed throughout the race—my records are gone."

"But I have a different opinion. A racing hare—and an athlete in training resembles one in many respects—would not stand such deadly blows in the long run," Zatopek said.—United Press.

President Magsaysay To Open Second Asian Games

Manila, Jan. 26. President Ramon Magsaysay will officially open the Second Asian Games on May 1 this year at the Rizal Memorial Stadium, the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation announced yesterday.

The Federation also said President Magsaysay accepted the Honorary Presidency of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation. He also consented to become a patron of the Second Asian Games. Although the Philippine President is by tradition always named Honorary President of the PAAP, it was expected by sports circles here that President Magsaysay's occupancy of the post will usher in increased government interest in athletic activities.

The President's consent to being a patron of the Asian Games came after a visit aboard his yacht, the Pagan (Hope) by PAAP President Jorge Vargas.—France Press.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

Tomorrow, the second day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, should attract another big crowd of racing enthusiasts to the Valley. A programme of 10 events will again be contested.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. with the first race starting at 12.00 noon sharp. The fifth interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.). The Fifth Race begins at 3.00 p.m.

There are two important events down for decision. The first is the Ladies' Purse, confined to Class 2 ponies, and the second is the P. & O. Cup for Class 3 ponies.

Here are my estimates of the chances.

FIRST RACE
Helios Handicap (First Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

The opening event is a sprint race confined to Class 3 ponies. In the Sywan Bay Handicap (Third Section) at the Sixth Race Meeting, Easy-going (Mr Kwok), carrying 140 lbs. won this race over the mile by leading from start to finish and as tomorrow's event is about half a mile and 170 Yards, I think Easy-going should just about win again.

There is, of course, Moonrush (Mr H. K. Hung) to be reckoned with. This pony came third in the above race whilst leading most of the way, and if it should acquire a good start tomorrow it will be hard to catch.

Boyne (Mr Ostrowski) and Moirne (Mr Plumby) have shown good form in their morning gallops and I am sure they will give Easy-going and Moonrush a good race.

In Blinde (Mr H. C. Woo) we have a pony which is quite capable of upsetting calculations.

SECOND RACE
Southern Handicap: One Mile.

This race will be contested by Class 6 ponies. There are quite a number of ponies capable of winning, among these Eudora (Mr Tsai), Free Kick (Mr Ng), Firestone (Mr Pote-Hunt) and Same Again (Mr Plumby).

Eudora, because of its second placing in the Sywan Bay Handicap (Second Section) for Class 8 ponies at the last meeting, is the obvious choice for first position.

I think Ben Lawers (Mr Tsai) is the only other pony among the entries to give it a challenge. For those who are looking for an outsider, I suggest Camber (Mr Kwok) should not be overlooked.

NINTH RACE
Valley Stakes (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

Australian Subscription Ponies of 1954 will gather together for this event and it looks as if the finish will be fought out between Quizzette (Mr Tsai), Neptune (Mr

For those who are looking for outsiders I suggest Blazing (Mr Chuang) and Four Aces (Mr Chen Poo).

EIGHTH RACE
Helios Handicap (Second Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

In this race for Class 8 ponies over this distance, Rebel II (Mr Samarcq) is the obvious choice for first position.

I think Ben Lawers (Mr Tsai) is the only other pony among the entries to give it a challenge. For those who are looking for an outsider, I suggest Camber (Mr Kwok) should not be overlooked.

FIFTH RACE
Valley Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Among the ponies running in this event, Mak Siccar (Mr Williamson) has the best recommendation for a win.

Trio (Mr C. A. Lee) is known to move fairly fast over a short distance and may turn out to be a dangerous proposition.

The third position should be fought out between Fieldmaster (Mr Wei) and Corvett (Mr Plumby).

SIXTH RACE
P. & O. Cup: 1½ Miles.

This is the second important event of the afternoon and is confined to Class 3 ponies. I don't think I will be far wrong in stating that Geronimo (Mr Samarcq) has the best recommendation for the premier position.

Barbow (Mr Wei) may prove dangerous with Adorable Alalanta (Mr Tsai) also having a say in the matter.

Cinderella (Mr Botelho), in view of its fine gallop over the mile on Friday, January 22 in 1:59.2—last quarter 27 seconds—will probably attract fairly good support.

SEVENTH RACE
Valley Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

Second Section 1954 Australian Subscription Ponies will contest this event and among the entries I like Quizzette (Mr Tsai), Neptune (Mr

For those who are looking for outsiders I suggest Blazing (Mr Chuang) and Four Aces (Mr Chen Poo).

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